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Madrid, July 24. N. S.

THE last Letters we have received from *Catalonia*, are dated the 15th of this month in the Spanish Camp at *Martorel* near *Barcelona*; and they tell us, that on the 13th the Viceroy came to *Barcelona*, attended by 20 Gentlemen, and a Party of 50 Horse, and having held a Council of War with the Prince of *Hesse* and the other General Officers who command the Garison, he returned the same evening to his Camp. On the 14th, by break of day, the French with 6000 Foot and 3000 Horse attacked the Spanish Troops, and in the first surprise and disorder plundered the Viceroy's Quarters, (who had hardly time to escape himself) and killed several Servants and others who attended the Baggage, but our Troops getting together, they charged the Enemy, and particularly the Regiment of *Estremadura*, behaved themselves extreamly well, repulsed the French, killed divers of them, and took two Standards and 20 Prisoners; and about 10 in the morning the Spaniards had repossessed themselves of their former Posts; We had in this Action 100 Soldiers killed, and 40 wounded; and we reckon the Enemies loss was about the same number; While this was doing 600 Horse sallied out of the Town, and did very good Service. The same day also about break of day, the Enemy fired all their Artillery against the Town, and sprung a great Mine, but with little effect. The Besieged have made several strong Intrenchments within the Place, and remain resolute to defend it to the utmost, being greatly encouraged by the Prince of *Hesse*, who is much esteemed by them.

Warsaw, July 25. The Affairs of this Kingdom continue much in the same state, of which you have already had an account; The Nobility are divided, and each side seem resolved to maintain what they have done; The Primate has sent out Summons not only for another Dyet to meet here the 29th of the next month, but likewise for the Gentlemen or Pospolite to repair hither again at the same time; The Bishop of *Cujavia* has also, in the Name of the new King, the Elector of *Saxony*, sent out Circular Letters for a Dyet to meet here the 16th of *August*. In the mean time the Ambassadors are gone to wait on him on the Frontiers of *Silesia*; The Army as well of *Lithuania* as *Poland* have, its said, declared for him, and the Preparations are hastned for his Coronation.

Vienna, July 27. We have had no Letters from *Upper-Hungary* since the Account of the taking of *Tockay* by the Emperor's Forces, who afterwards marched towards *Patacks* to recover that Place likewise; The Hungarian Rebels are all dispersed, and in no condition to attempt any thing farther. The Imperial Army, under the command of Prince *Eugene* of *Savoy*, marches towards *Peter-Waradin*.

Francfort, Aug. 4. The Confederate and French Armies on the *Rhine* continue in the same Camps mentioned in our last; The former near *Ratzingen*, and the latter near *Fort-Louis*.

Hamburgh, Aug. 6. We have received Advice by Letters from *Tarnowitz* in *Silesia* of the 24th of the last month, that the Palatin *Wylinski*, the Palatin *Wytepski*, and the Staroft of *Zydacow*, arrived there the 23d, as Ambassadors from *Poland* and *Lithuania*, with a numerous Attendance, to acquaint the Elector of *Saxony* with his Election to that Crown; The new King gave them Audience the same day, and received them with great State and Solemnity; The Ambassadors and the Gentlemen of *Poland* paid him all Respect as to their Prince, and kissed his Hand; and there was afterwards a Magnificent Entertainment; The King sat at one Table, with the Bishop of *Passau*, the Emperor's late Ambassador in *Poland*; The Ambassadors and other Persons of Principal Quality were at another Table, and their Retinue at a third; after Dinner the new King went with the Ambassadors to view his Forces, that lie encamped near *Tarnowitz*, and conferred the Command of them on the first of the said Ambassadors, who received the same with all Submission; and this day's Ceremony concluded with great Expressions of Satisfaction on both sides.

Paris, Aug. 5. The last Letters from *Flanders* do very much increase the Discourses of a Peace, and at the same time occasion a great deal of Joy here. Two days ago they received at the French Court Letters from the Duke *de Vendosme* of the 23d past, giving an account, that there being a great Breach made by our Cannon in one of the Bastions of *Barcelona*, he caused the Mines to be sprung the 22d at night, and an Attack to be made thereupon; The Besieged made a very good defence, but the French at last lodged themselves in the Breach, having lost about 300 Men in this Action; The Duke of *Vendosme* expected by the 27th or 28th a Reinforcement of 6 or 7000 Men from *Provence*, and after their arrival intended to give a general Assault; But this did not discourage the Besieged, who were resolved to defend the several Intrenchments they have made within the Town. An Express arrived here the 3d from *Poland*, and they say, that the Prince of *Conti's* Party in that Kingdom is much increased, and are resolved to stand by his Election.

Brussels, Aug. 7. The Electoress of *Bavaria* was yesterday brought to Bed of a Prince, to the great joy of this Court. The Armies continue in the same Camps mentioned in our last.

Hague, Aug. 9. N S. The Earl of *Portland* acquainted the Imperial and Spanish Ambassadors, in the Conference his Lordship had with them some days ago, That for what related to His Majesty and His Kingdoms, all Matters were so far adjusted with *France*, that His Majesty was satisfied His Concerns would occasion no delay in the Conclusion of a general Peace; and that His Majesty desired the Emperor and the rest of the Allies would likewise contribute what depends on them, to the speedy finishing of this Great Work. On Wednesday last the Mediator delivered to the French Ambassadors the Remarks of the Imperialists upon the Project given in by the former. The French Ambassadors have been several times with the Pentionary of *Holland* since he was appointed by the States to be one of their Plenipotentiaries for the Treaty. The Ambassadors from *Moscovy* (with whom the Czar is *incognito*) have passed *Cleves* in their way towards this Country, and the States have sent their Master of the Ceremonies to receive them at *Nimeguen*, and to conduct them hither, where preparations are making for their Reception.

Leo, Aug. 8. N. S. On Monday morning early the King left *Breda*; His Majesty Dined at the *Grave*, and came the same Evening to *Dieren*, where the Earl of *Portland* waited on His Majesty, being returned from the *Hague*; and yesterday in the evening His Majesty arrived here.

Kinsale, July 25. This day arrived here from *Plimouth* the outward-bound *West-India* Fleet, who have Orders to take with them the Ships in this Harbour, laden with Provisions for His Majesties Service.

Dublin, July 28. The Parliament met here yesterday. The Lords-Justices being attended by the Lords-Spiritual and Temporal in their Coaches, with the Trumpets, Heralds at Arms, Guards, and other usual Ceremonies, went from the Castle to the Parliament House, and entred the House of Lords, the Sword being born by the Earl of *Mount-Alexander*, the Cap of State by the Earl of *Orrery*, and the Royal Robe or Mantle of State by the Earl of *Meath*, with the Ermyns turned out and supported by the Eldest Sons of the Lord Viscount *Ely*, Lord Viscount *Charlemont*, and Mr. *Fitzmaurice* Brother to the Lord of *Kerry*. And the Commons being sent for up by the Usher of the Black Rod